

## 101 DEAD-134 INJURED IN KNICKERBOCKER CRASH

### OLD SOL AIDS IN REMOVAL OF BIG SNOW

Small Sized Army of Men  
Engaged in Opening  
Streets

CITY COUNCIL ACTS

Traffic Resumed Today Between Here  
and Washington—Work Started  
Yesterday

This city today is slowly recovering itself from the effects of the big snow storm. By noon traffic was being opened up and trains and busses were running on a fairly regular schedule. Hundreds of snow shovelers are out and old Sol helped greatly to facilitate their work. By nightfall a majority of the streets will be opened and conditions greatly improved, which have been demoralized since Saturday.

The city has put several hundred men to work clearing the snow from the streets and making an opening in all of the streets for fire apparatus and traffic generally. Approaches to all fire plugs have been cleared of the snow, so that in the event of fire the apparatus will not experience any difficulty in getting to the fire hydrants.

Fire Chief E. C. McDermott and William Desmond, chairman of the fire committee of city council, and Norman Roberts, president of the Columbia Fire Company, were on the job supervising the work of opening up passageways to the fire plugs in the heart of the business section of the city and also at other points.

The work was begun yesterday and a force of men worked most of the night on the task, so that this morning a passageway had been made on King street, from end to end.

Prompt action to clear away the snow was taken at a special meeting of the city council held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, which was called by Mayor J. M. Duncan. At this meeting a resolution offered by Councilman Ruben authorizing the mayor and city engineer to remove snow, open streets for the fire department and safety of traffic and apportioning sufficient funds for four days' work was adopted. It is a blanket resolution and does not specify any designated amount, but the amount will be determined at a special meeting of the city council which will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Before the city council met, a big force of men were on the job under the city engineer engaged in the task of clearing away the snow and making way for traffic. A big tractor was put into operation and beat the snow down on many streets so as to open the way for traffic.

Firemen joined in the working force and greatly aided in the task of clearing off the snow. On King street a road bit of the snow at the crossing was dumped into the sewer and a plug stream was used to wash it down.

### WASHINGTON DAY BY DAY

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 30.—A drive in Virginia against bootleggers and illicit stills was started today by the United States prohibition office. Royal A. Haynes, prohibition commissioner, flanked by a number of his trustworthy agents, left Washington for the Old Dominion in which territory they will endeavor to bring to time violators of the "dry" act.

Haynes, for some time has been receiving reports to the effect that vast quantities of the bootleg liquor which has found sales in Washington, has been brought into the District from North Carolina and Virginia. It has been reported to Haynes that over 100 automobiles are operating between North Carolina and Virginia and then into the District, carrying large quantities of corn liquor and other intoxicating stuff.

Another ring of bootleggers, it has been reported, are operating up through the Shenandoah Valley. Haynes is determined that the source of supply in North Carolina and Virginia coming into the National Capital shall be cut off. That is why he is going to take personal charge of the situation in the immediate south.

General John J. Pershing assumed personal command of the rescue work and with the aid of a hundred soldiers, marines and police, he brought order out of chaos in short time. Before the arrival of soldiers from Walter Reed Army Hospital, with stretcher bearers, and men from the Marine Barracks with acetylene torches axes, and "jacks," the police and firemen were awe-stricken by the sight of the catastrophe and could accomplish nothing worth while.

Scores of relatives and friends of persons caught in the crash, made frantic by the slow work of rescue and their delay in making identification, swarmed about the exits of the theater as well as the Christian Science Church, a half block away, which was turned into a morgue and hospital. The scenes in the basement of the church were indistinguishably pathetic, with doctors in terms and nurses of the Red Cross, working frantically to revive the injured.

President Harding is deliberating over the invitation which has been extended to the United States to take part in the forthcoming economic conference at Genoa. He finds that the problem is a very perplexing one. His Secretary of State and his Secretary of the Treasury are opposed to the acceptance of the invitation while Secretary of Commerce Hoover is in favor of participating under certain conditions. The Administration, in view of the questions involved in the settlement of the arms conference, is not disposed to take upon itself further international complications with the result of arms conference still in doubt, President Harding and his chief advisor are loath to take upon themselves any further international exigencies.

The Washington police today were concerned with an ancient house mystery in which a young woman was found dead in the badly confused bedroom. A checkbook found among the woman's effects disclosed that last Thursday she had made a deposit of \$3,000 in a local bank while the police discovered an assortment of valuable jewels. At the time of the Knickerbocker Theater crash late Saturday night, the police were searching for a prominent man about town, who was reported to be the young woman's benefactor, and who it was supposed, could throw some light on the cause of her mysterious death. The police were inclined to suppress any information concerning the cause of the young woman's death except to admit that her apartment evidenced a state of confusion possible, the result of a battle. Further details of the mystery were submerged by the theater tragedy, and no new developments were forthcoming.

Isaac Grege

night rather than be marooned overnight in Washington. Approximately 150 Alexandrians came home Saturday night on the Norfolk steamer. Most of the stores closed early Saturday night, there being few customers about. Many of the stores that usually remained open till 11 o'clock at night, closed at 6 o'clock Saturday evening in order that their employees might be able to get home. Many motor vehicles that endeavored to get through since Saturday are out of commission and among them were many bread and milk wagons. The hauling in of such vehicles has been in order since Saturday. The delivery of milk and bread to this city was made today although it was not on schedule time. Nine trains from the South, Saturday night, were tied up north of Alexandria. Many of the passengers deserted the trains and made their way across to the Alexandria-Washington tike and boarded busses for Washington.

### PRELATES SAY NEW POPE WILL BE AN ITALIAN

Cardinal Mercier Says  
Against All Tradition  
to Elect a Foreigner

EARLY ELECTION

Expected that Conclave Will Reach  
Decision Soon Without Sharply  
Drawn Contest.

Rome, Jan. 30.—The two hundred and sixty-first Pontiff of the Roman Church will be elected by Saturday next, according to the consensus of opinion as expressed by the prelates arriving here with the Cardinals attached to the conclave, they expect that the decision will be reached on the third or fourth ballot. The opens on Thursday, and from present indications the work of electing a new Pope will be carried on expeditiously.

"I do not anticipate a sharply drawn contest, which some predict," said a prominent English ecclesiastic today. "Although there are naturally divergent views among the Cardinals, these differences are not irreconcilable, and I am confident that the Sacred College will be able to agree upon the successor of Benedict in a relatively short time."

American and English church dignitaries consider it a certainty that the choice will fall upon an Italian. They believe that the best chances lie with Cardinals Maffi, Ratti, Lega and La Fontaine.

A prominent English prelate, who asked that his name be withheld, said it would be a "great mistake" to elect a foreign Cardinal, as that would tend to disappointment and dissatisfaction among countries like the United States, Great Britain and France, all of whom probably felt that they merit of high office, whereas the selection of an Italian would be acceptable to all.

This church official expressed the opinion that the new Pope would continue the policy of Benedict XV in the relation with the Quirinal, but would be careful to observe the complete independence and dignity of the Vatican. He added:

"The Vatican should be neither the subject nor the guest of any government, but should be scrupulously neutral and unhampered."

Neither France Spain nor Austria, he asserted, would attempt to exercise the right to veto the conclave's choice, which these countries have heretofore enjoyed.

The next Pope is certain to be an Italian, Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium said.

"There is no need to indulge in vain conjectures or to count the votes in advance," said the Cardinal, "but one must wait the decrees of providence, and providence for the past five centuries has ruled that the Supreme Pontiff should be an Italian."

The distinguished Belgian Prelate did not concur in the opinion that has been freely expressed in Vatican circles that "never has a foreign Cardinal had such a chance of being elected Pope."

"It is against all tradition that a foreigner should be elected," said the Cardinal. "The next Pope certainly will be an Italian."

It was suggested that the last foreign Cardinal to the Supreme Pontification was the Archbishop of Liege, "undoubtedly you have heard, your eminence, that the name of another Belgian Cardinal is being prominently mentioned for the coming conclave," he was told.

"Oh, you must not think of that," replied Cardinal Mercier. "You must not believe it. It is preposterous. I never thought of that before. Providence will decide."

### AT RICHMOND LEGISLATION

House Proceedings

Richmond, Virginia, January 29, 1922. The House was called to order at 12:05 o'clock and prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Hoover, delegate from Rockingham County, who asked that "We be given wisdom and breadth of mind, and that feeling that we are our brother's keeper."

The Speaker recognized Senator Mapp, who announced that the Senate had receded from its session on amendments to House bill No. 36, relative to increase in the salary of judges.

Senate communications on measures were read, and Clerk Williams announced reports of several committees to which bills had been referred.

A letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, announcing receipt of the invitation to attend the inaugural ceremonies on February 1, and regretting that they cannot be in attendance.

Delegate Marvin Smith, chairman of the joint committee investigating State offices with the view of merging or abolishing those that are "useless," asked that the joint resolution offered on Friday be passed, giving the committee greater authority in conducting its work. After discussion, the resolution was adopted.

Constitutional reading of Senate bill No. 23 was dispensed with, and the measure, which provides for the Thirty-third Judicial Circuit in Wise County, was passed. 72 to 0.

The calendar was called, and House bills 16, 17 and 18 were passed. Numerous local bills were passed to their enactment and third reading. The House adjourned at 2:30 o'clock until Monday at 12 o'clock noon.

Senate Proceedings

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock today by President Buchanan with prayer by the Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D. From the House came the message of nonconcurrent action in the Senate resolution amending the bill affecting the salary of the judge of the First Circuit, whereby the salaries of all court judges was fixed at \$2,600, and placing the salary of the judge of the First Circuit at \$4,000. The Senate then receded from its previous action.

The calendar was called, and several measures were advanced and at 12:15 the Senate adjourned to Monday at noon.

### VICTIMS OF CRASH

Thomas Fleming and Son and Daughter Former Residents of Alexandria Killed

Three former Alexandrians were killed in the crash at the Knickerbocker Theater Saturday night. They are Thomas B. Fleming, about 70 years old, and his daughter, Miss Mary Lee Fleming, twenty-four years old and a son, John Patton Fleming, thirty-one years old. They all lived at 1861 Wyoming Avenue, but moved away from Alexandria many years ago.

### N. W. Morton Dies

Body of World War Veteran to be Brought Here From Des Moines, Iowa.

Norman W. Morton, twenty years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Morton of 313 North Pitt street, this city, died Saturday night in a hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

The deceased was a world war veteran and served ten months overseas with the 4th Field Artillery. The body will be brought here and taken to the home of his parents and prepared for burial. It is expected it will reach here Wednesday. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

### Fire Apparatus Stuck

Defective Flue at St. Paul's Church Cause of Alarm

Fire apparatus at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning responding to a fire alarm at St. Paul's Church got stuck in the snow when within a square of the church. The blaze was due to a defective flue and was quickly extinguished with chemical extinguishers. Snow knocked part of the chimney off and caused it to become clogged.

### Bible Thought for Today

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Comm' thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.—Psalm 37:3, 5.

### EXPLORER DEAD IN DASH TO SOUTH POLE

Sir Ernest Shackleton Suddenly Stricken With Angina Pectoris

FAMOUS SCIENTIST

Body Arrives at Montevideo Uruguay on Norwegian Steamer Enroute to Europe.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 29.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British explorer died Jan. 5 on board the steamship Quest, on which he was making another expedition into the Antarctic regions.

Death was due to angina pectoris and occurred when the Quest was off the Critticken Station.

The body was brought to Montevideo on board a Norwegian steamer, and will be taken by another steamer to Europe.

Captain L. Hussey, of the Quest, will accompany the body home. Professor Gruvel and the other members of the explorer's party will continue the expedition.

Sir Ernest Shackleton was born in 1874. He was a third lieutenant in the British National Antarctic expedition in 1901, and in 1907-09 commanded an expedition which got to within ninety-seven miles of the South Pole. He made his third quest of the Pole in 1914.

The expedition in which he was engaged when he died was to have covered 30,000 miles of uncharted sections of the South Atlantic, the Pacific and the Antarctic Seas.

On board the Quest, a little 200-ton ship, Sir Ernest set sail from England last September on what was to have been a two-year voyage. Large crowds gathered on the docks in London to wish the party a successful voyage.

The voyage had as its objective not only oceanographic research, but the exploration of a petrified forest and the location of a lost island—Tuanaki—adjacent waters of which had not been sailed for more than ninety years. In addition soundings were to have been taken of the ocean plateau surrounding Colugh's Island, in an effort to determine the truth regarding a supposed underwater continental connection between Africa and America.

Sir Ernest for his distinguished services was made a knight in 1909. Various societies throughout the world honored him for his work.

The Endeavour was in the English Channel, August 4, 1914, when the World War began. Sir Ernest offered the aid of the expedition to Great Britain, but the British Admiralty replied that their services would not be required, and although several members of his staff rejoined their regiments, the vessel sailed. King George, who was deeply interested in the mission, sent Sir Ernest a message of God speed and also a flag, with the expressed hope that the explorer would carry it across the South Polar Continent.

Sir Ernest married in 1904 Emily Mary, daughter of the late Charles Dorn, an old resident of Sussex. Two sons and a daughter were born of the union.

Available maps do not give Critticken Station, where Shackleton was reported to have died.

The Quest left Rio Janeiro December 18 for South Georgia Island, which lies off the east coast of the southernmost portion of South America.

Sir Ernest was an Irishman. He was educated at Dulwich College and after graduation went to sea, choosing sailing ships. It was in 1906 when the little vessel called him to the South Seas and he organized the expedition to the South Pole which brought him his greatest fame. It was on this expedition that he discovered the South magnetic pole. On the trip Shackleton reached a point nearer the South Pole than ever had been attained by any other explorer.

His 1914-16 expedition was prolific in valuable geologic and scientific surveys.

The ship Endeavour, on which Shackleton made the voyage, was crushed in an ice floe in October, but drifted until midwinter, when the explorer and his party made a landing on Elephant Island, in the South Shetland group. Shackleton, in a small boat and with a company of five men, left Elephant Island for Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, seeking aid for the twenty-two men who had been left behind. Ultimately the entire party was rescued.

### Caught Like Rats In Trap When Roof Gives Way

It Is Estimated There Were About 300  
Persons In Theater At Time Of  
Catastrophe

RUINS STILL BEING SEARCHED

Most Terrible Tragedy Washington Has Ever Witnessed—Scene Beyond Description—Many Nationally Known Persons Among Victims—Churches and Homes Converted Into Hospitals—President Harding Expresses Grief—It Is Believed All Of The Bodies Have Been Gotten Out—Investigation Will Be Made.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—With 101 dead and approximately 134 injured up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rescue workers today are still searching the debris of the Knickerbocker Theater a moving picture establishment at Eighteenth and Columbia Road for more victims, as a result of the roof of that structure crashing in Saturday night.

The work of rescue was begun a few minutes after the roof, with its three feet of snow caved in. Its immensity was not at first realized. Soon after the accident happened a big force of firemen, soldiers, police and civilians were on the scene. The roof of the big playhouse had caved in, leaving ruin and desolation. The 300 odd people in the theater who were enjoying a picture entitled "Get Rich Quick Wallinford," were caught like rats in a trap, never having a chance for their life.

The scenes that followed the crash were heartrending. An attempt to describe them would be beyond imagination. The Christian Science Church nearby was turned into a temporary morgue and nearby houses were converted into temporary hospitals. Red-Cross nurses were soon on the scene and before long the workers got under way in organized fashion. Priests and preachers were on the scene and in the building, giving aid to the dying and injured.

Practically every physician in northwest Washington was summoned and gave what aid they could. The rescue work was more difficult owing to the fact that the workers had to cut through a mass of wire and steel, the wire being from the ceiling for the plastering.

Thousands of persons soon lined the streets surrounding the theater, but that area quickly was roped off. It was with the greatest difficulty that the police and volunteers kept back the crowd, bent upon entering the theater. Persons darted here and there frantically appealing to learn if some relative or friend had been taken out. The scene was indescribably. This was kept up all night as the snow fell, and yesterday thousands of spectators lined the streets adjoining the theater and watched the rescue workers bring out body after body. Most of the dead and injured were gotten out of the theater by 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

In the audience were some of the most prominent people in the country. Among the list of well known persons who met death were: Guy S. Eldridge, of Salt Lake City, a brother-in-law of Senator Reed Smoot; A. J. Rarchfield, former U. S. Representative from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Rarchfield; Chauncey C. Brainerd, correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle and once its assistant managing editor, and Mrs. Brainerd; Louis W. Strayer, Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch; Naval Constructor O. G. Hughes, Howard G. Kness, vice-president of the Sommes Motor Company, and Colonel and Mrs. Charles C. Tucker.

The sad story of four out of a family of five killed in the tragedy was presented. Those killed were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar G. Kanston, their daughter, Helen Dorothy, aged 13, and another daughter, Arlyn, aged 7. The only one that escaped was their son, Grant. Mr. Kanston was from Chicago, and was connected with the Bureau of Valuation of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In connection with the Knickerbocker Theater tragedy, President Harding yesterday said:

"I have experienced the same astounding shock and the same inexpressible sorrow which has come to all of Washington and which will be sympathetically felt throughout the land. If I knew aught to say to soften the sorrow of hundreds who are so suddenly bereaved, if I could say a word to cheer the maimed and suffering, I would gladly do it. The terrible tragedy, staged in the midst of the great storm, has deeply impressed all of us and left us wondering about the revolving fates."

A sweeping investigation into the disaster will be made. Coroner Ne-

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Norfolk—D. C. Carr auditor of the Norfolk city school board, has been dismissed. No explanation is given the public by the school board for its action. Dr. C. R. Grandy, president of the board, today stated that the date of Mr. Carr's retirement from the school board post will be effective January 31.